

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11-16, 21 and 22 are pending in this application and have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in these claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the upon amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, rejects claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The cancellation of claims 19 and 20 obviates this rejection.

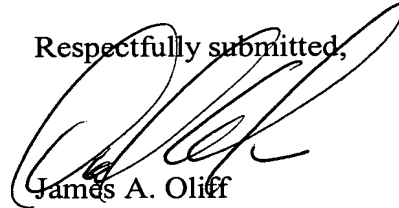
Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 29, 2006. Applicants respectfully request the timely consideration of the references contained therein, and the subsequent forwarding of the annotated PTO-1449.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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